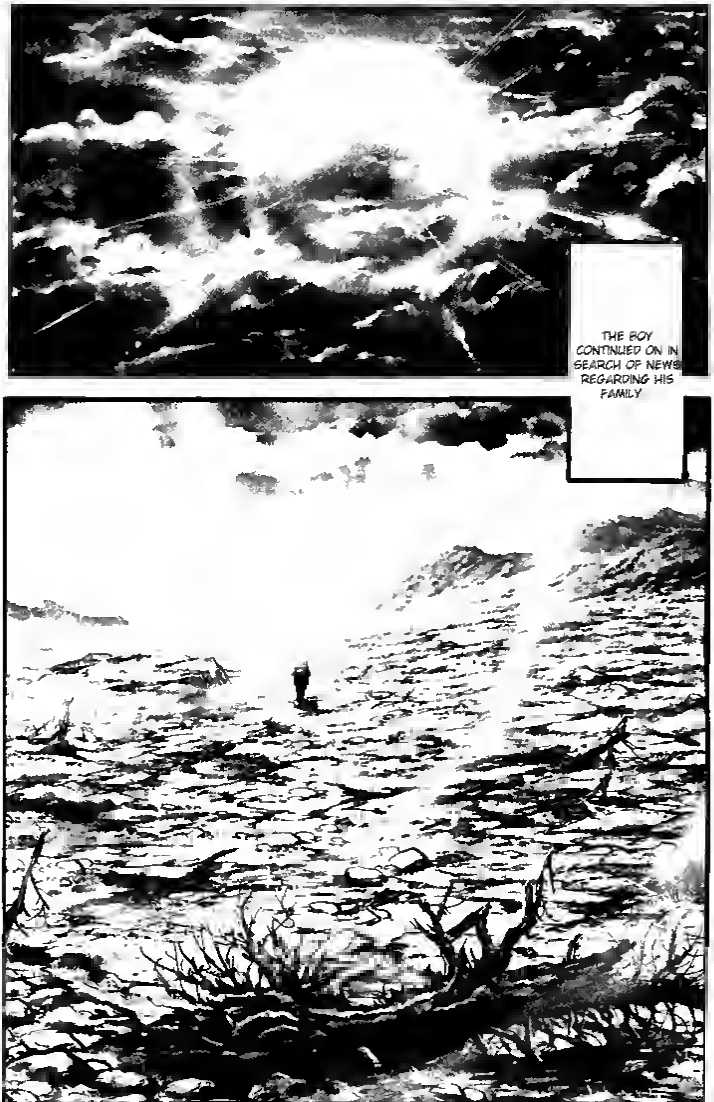
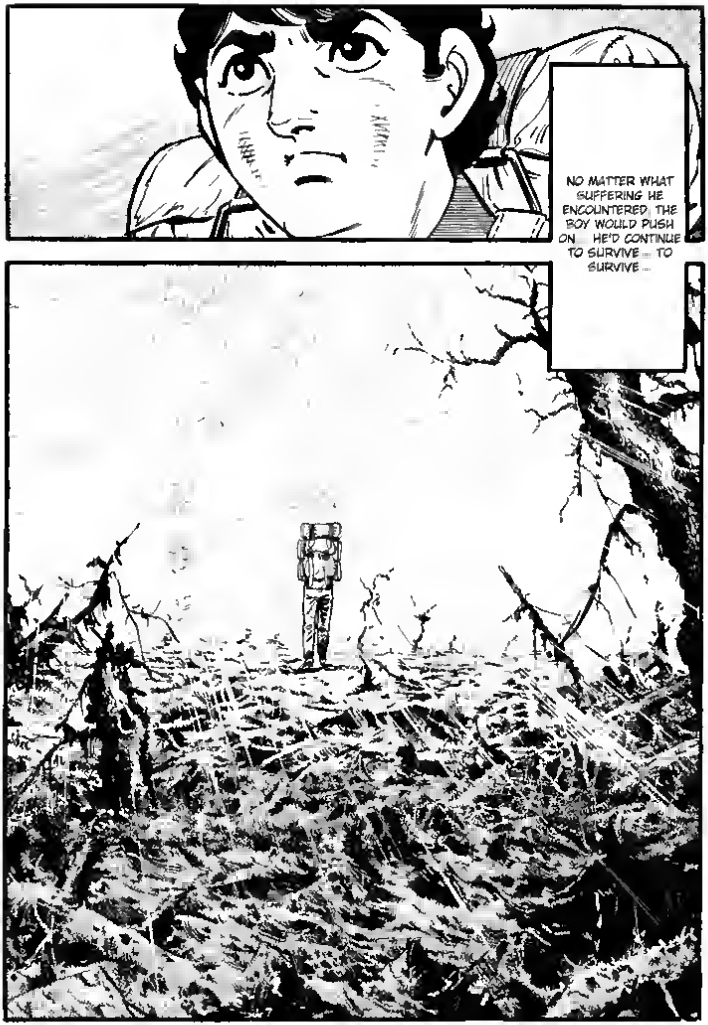
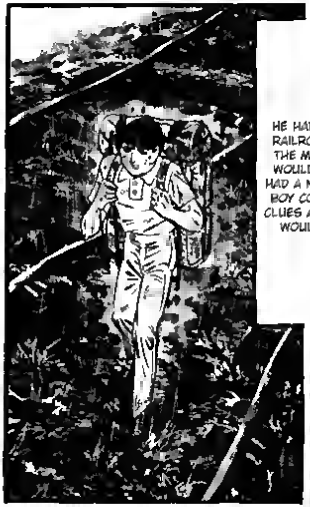
SURVIVAL

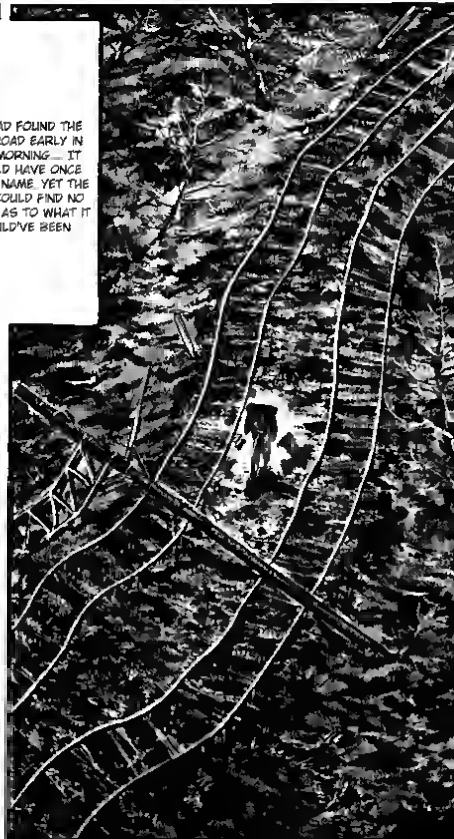
Danger 13


THE BOY CONTINUED ON IN SEARCH OF NEWS REGARDING HIS FAMILY


NO MATTER WHAT SUFFERING HE ENCOUNTERED, THE BOY WOULD PUSH ON... HE'D CONTINUE TO SURVIVE... TO SURVIVE...



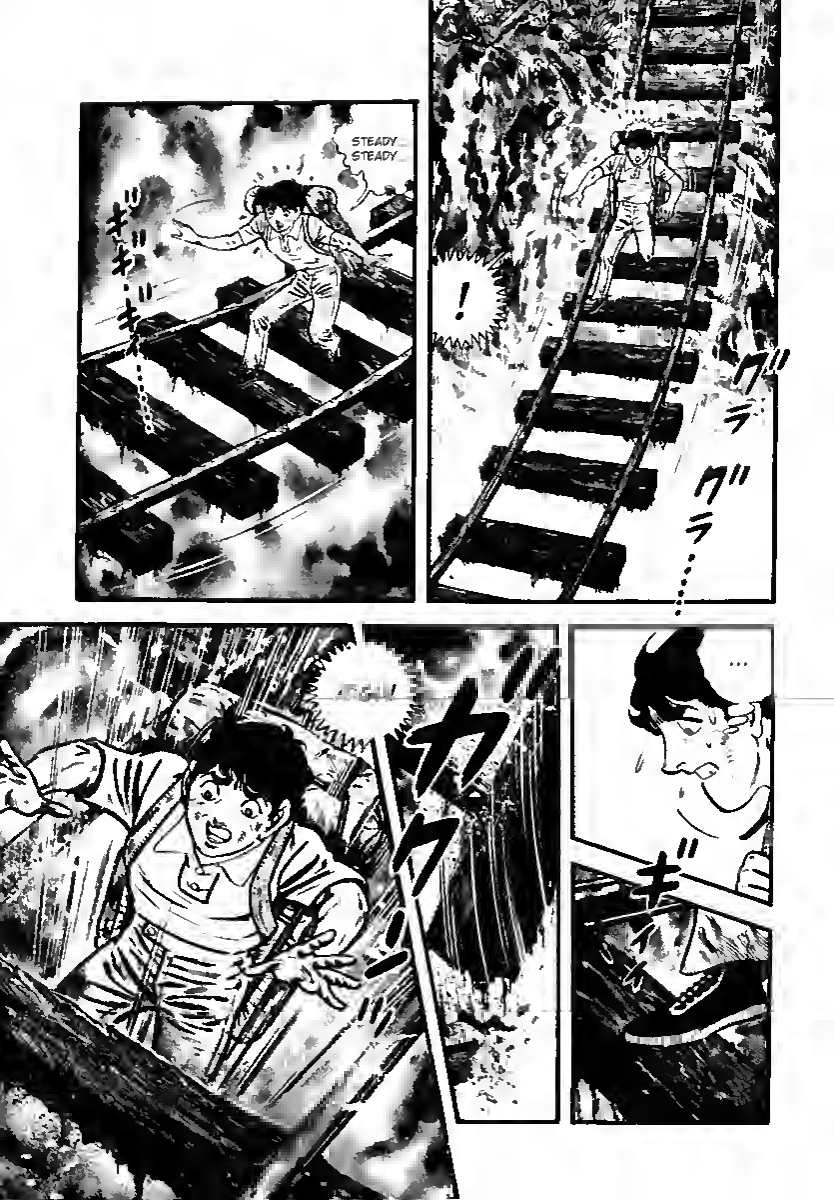
HE HAD FOUND THE RAILROAD EARLY IN THE MORNING... IT WOULD HAVE ONCE HAD A NAME. YET THE BOY COULD FIND NO CLUES AS TO WHAT IT WOULD'VE BEEN



AT ANY RATE HE FIGURED HE SHOULD FOLLOW THE TRACK IF HE DID SO HE'D SURELY COME ACROSS A TOWN EVENTUALLY WHERE THERE MIGHT WELL BE OTHER SURVIVORS
WOAH...

...

THE BOY FIGURED THAT HE WAS HEADING IN SOMETHING OF A WESTERNLY DIRECTION..


STEADY
STEADY
ギィ…ギィ…
!
グラ
グラ…
…
ギィ…
ヤバ!
ヤバ!

カツ…
SH... SHIT!
SHIT!
ギ
ギ
ギ
UUUUUUUH!
ギ
ギ
ィ……
I... I CAN'T DO IT!
I... I'M TOO HUNGRY I'VE NO STRENGTH LEFT!
ズル
グ
グ……
AH, AH...

AARGH!
WAH, WAH!

OWWW!
UUUUUH!
ドド
ドド

IT... IT'S HOPELESS
I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE
THE STRENGTH TO
BRACE MYSELF!

HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
ドド

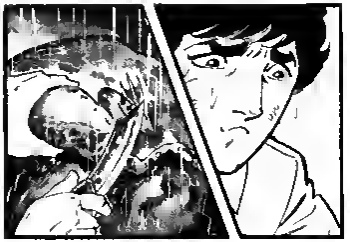
...

HUMANS CAN NORMALLY LAST BUT A WEEK WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER. WITH WATER THEY CAN SURVIVE UP TO A MONTH OR SO...

THE LONGEST RECORD OF SOMEONE SURVIVING WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER IS 252 HOURS (10 AND A HALF DAYS) IT OCCURED BY CHANCE IN BUCHAREST ROMANIA DURING A GREAT EARTHQUAKE WHICH OCCURED IN 1977 WHERE
19 YEAR OLD SORIN CRAINIC WAS TRAPPED UNDER A COLLAPSED BUILDING FROM THE 4TH OF MARCH TO THE 15TH BEFORE HE WAS RESCUED

ポツ!
?
W WATER..?
AH, RAIN!
IT.. IT'S RAINING!
IT'S RAINING!
HAH..

ALRIGHT, COME HERE YOU!
IT... IT'S A FLOCK OF FOOD!
!
ゴクゴク
!
ケロヨ
A... A FROG!
SO GOOD! THIS IS DEFINITELY A GIFT FROM HEAVEN!

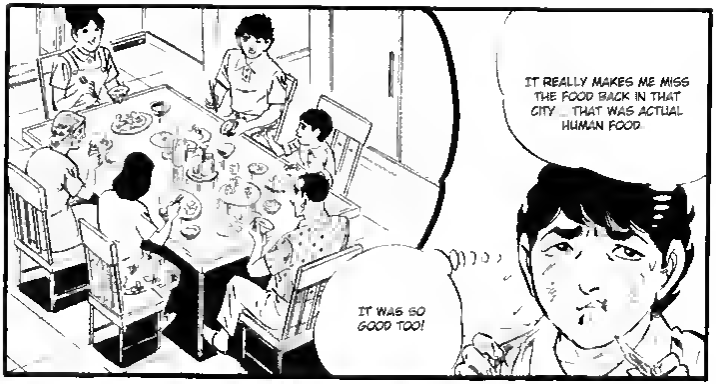


I DON'T IMAGINE I'LL BE ABLE TO COOK ANYTHING WITH THIS RAIN...

EEP!

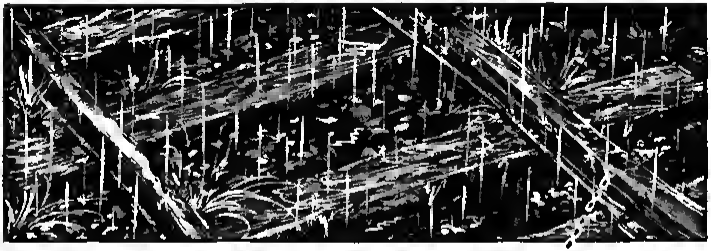
...
IT IT'S QUITE A CRUEL MEAL

WOAH!


IT REALLY MAKES ME MISS THE FOOD BACK IN THAT CITY... THAT WAS ACTUAL HUMAN FOOD.
IT WAS SO GOOD TOO!

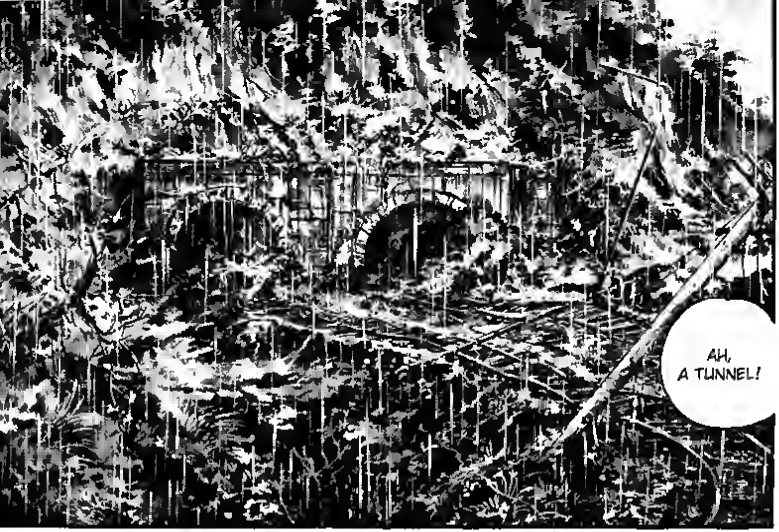
STILL... I'VE GOT SOME STRENGTH BACK...

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO BREAK OUT OF HERE NOW...

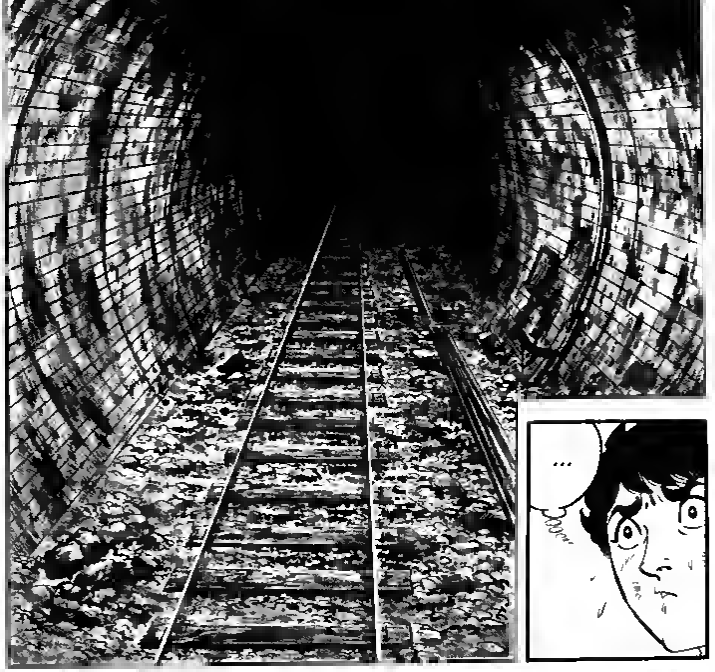


I DON'T WANT MY BAGS TO GET WET...
IT'S TURNED INTO A REAL DOWNFALL. I GUESS IT'S NOT QUITE A BLESSING AFTER ALL...

I HAVE TO FIND SOME SORT OF SHELTER

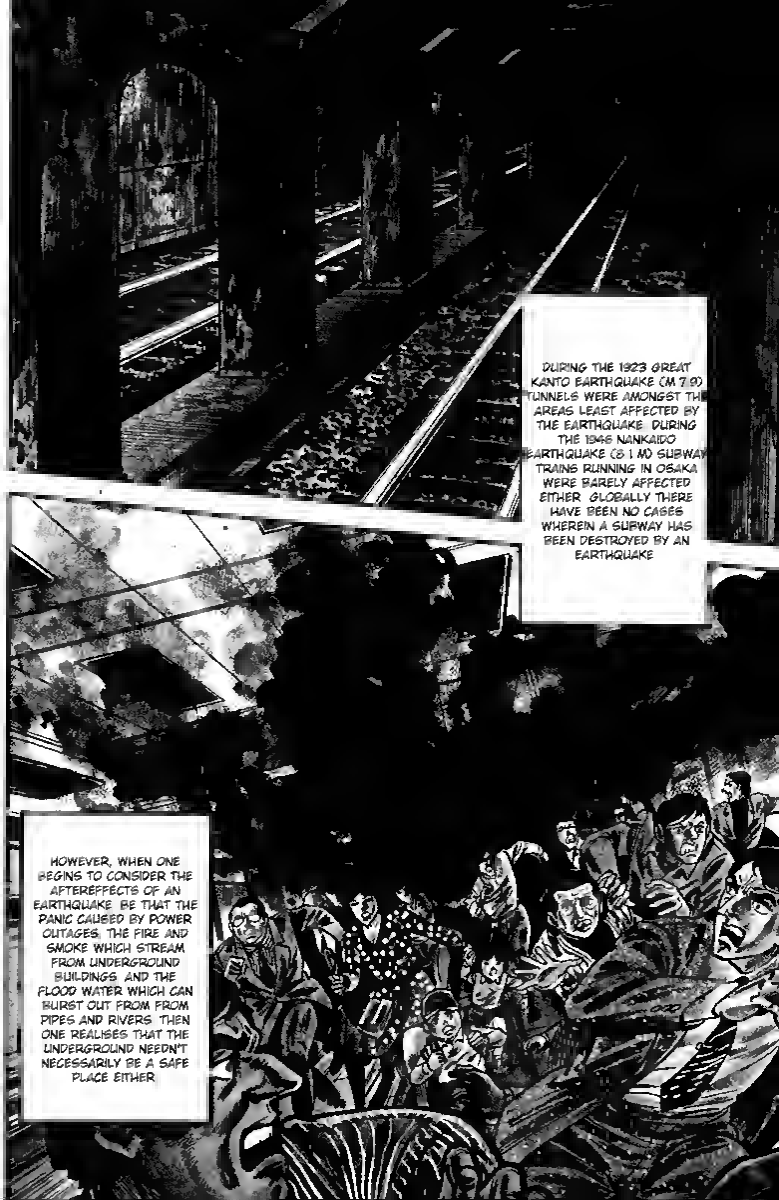

AH, A TUNNEL!

IT'D BE PERFECT!


...

THERE'S NOTHING HERE AT ALL...

AT LEAST IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THIS TUNNEL MANAGED TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE...
TUNNELS, SUBWAYS AND OTHER UNDERGROUND STRUCTURES ARE GENERALLY MORE RESILIENT TO EARTHQUAKES THAN ABOVE GROUND STRUCTURES. THIS IS BECAUSE THE FURTHER UNDERGROUND YOU GO, THE SMALLER AN EARTHQUAKE'S SHAKING BECOMES.

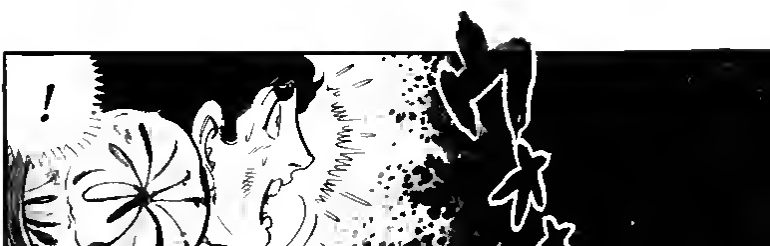

DURING THE 1923 GREAT KANTO EARTHQUAKE (M 7.9) TUNNELS WERE AMONGST TH AREAS LEAST AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE. DURING THE 1946 NANKAIDO EARTHQUAKE (8.1 M) SUBWAY TRAINS RUNNING IN OSAKA WERE BARELY AFFECTED EITHER. GLOBALLY THERE HAVE BEEN NO CASES WHEREIN A SUBWAY HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY AN EARTHQUAKE
HOWEVER, WHEN ONE BEGINS TO CONSIDER THE AFTEREFFECTS OF AN EARTHQUAKE. BE THAT THE PANIC CAUSED BY POWER OUTAGES, THE FIRE AND SMOKE WHICH STREAM FROM UNDERGROUND BUILDINGS AND THE FLOOD WATER WHICH CAN BURST OUT FROM FROM PIPES AND RIVERS. THEN ONE REALISES THAT THE UNDERGROUND NEEDN'T NECESSARILY BE A SAFE PLACE EITHER.

HM?!
THERE'S A BREEZE!
IS IT BLOWING FROM FURTHER DOWN THE TUNNEL...?!
THAT THERE'S AN EXIT OVER THERE... IT'S NOT BEEN BLOCKED UP...!
TH... THAT MEANS THEN...

I WONDER JUST HOW LONG THIS TUNNEL IS... WHAT'S MORE WHEN I LEAVE...
JUST WHAT SORT OF SCENE WILL BE WAITING FOR ME...

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT...
DAD AND THE OTHERS ESCAPED THROUGH THIS TUNNEL...

...
WAH, WAH!
WH.. WHAT'S THAT?!
SO WAS... THAT A BAT?

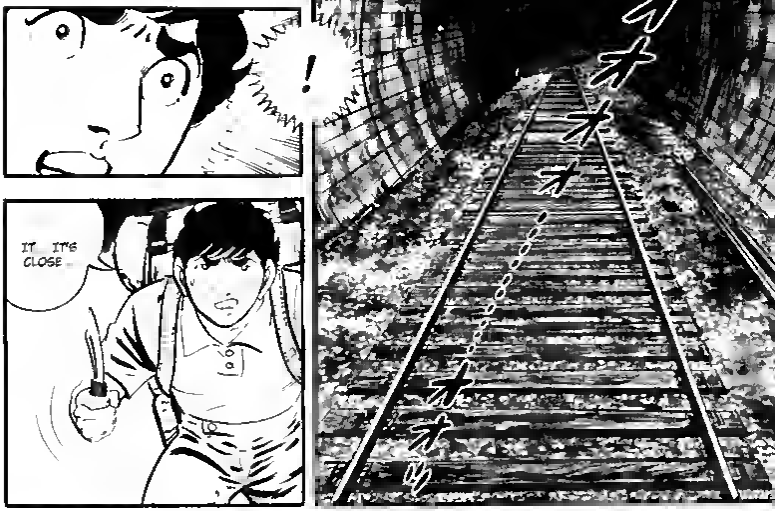

!

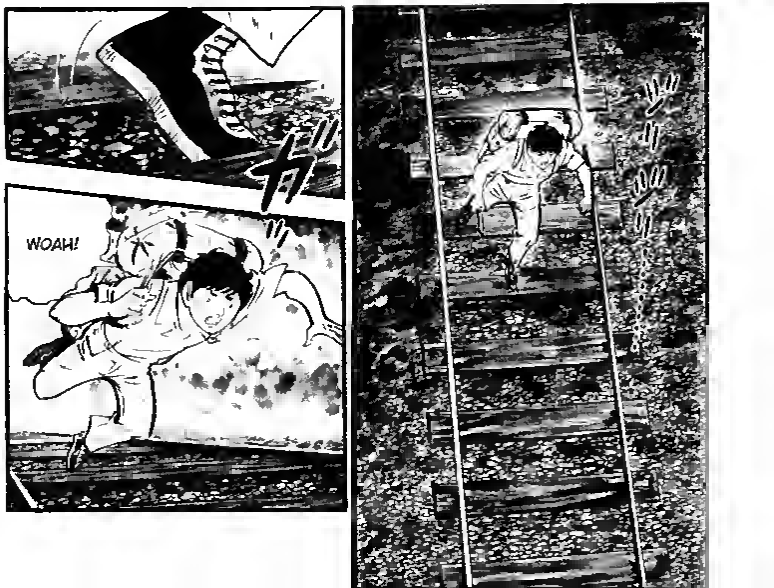
WH... WHAT'S THAT CRY...?!

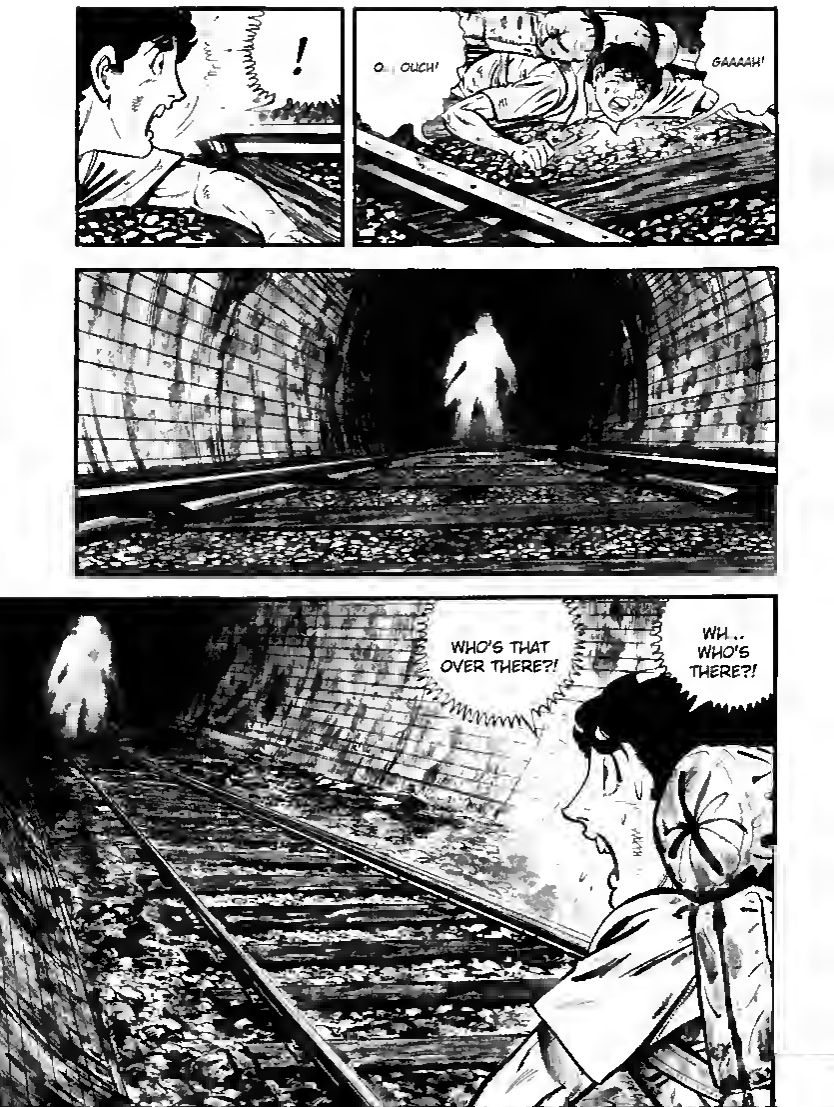
...
IT WAS A STRANGE CRY, SO UNUSUAL IN FACT THAT THE BOY COULD NOT TELL IF IT WERE FROM MAN OR BEAST... WHAT'S MORE, THE REVEBERATIONS IN THE TIGHT TUNNEL MEANT THAT THE CRY WAS DISTORTED AND MONSTROUS...

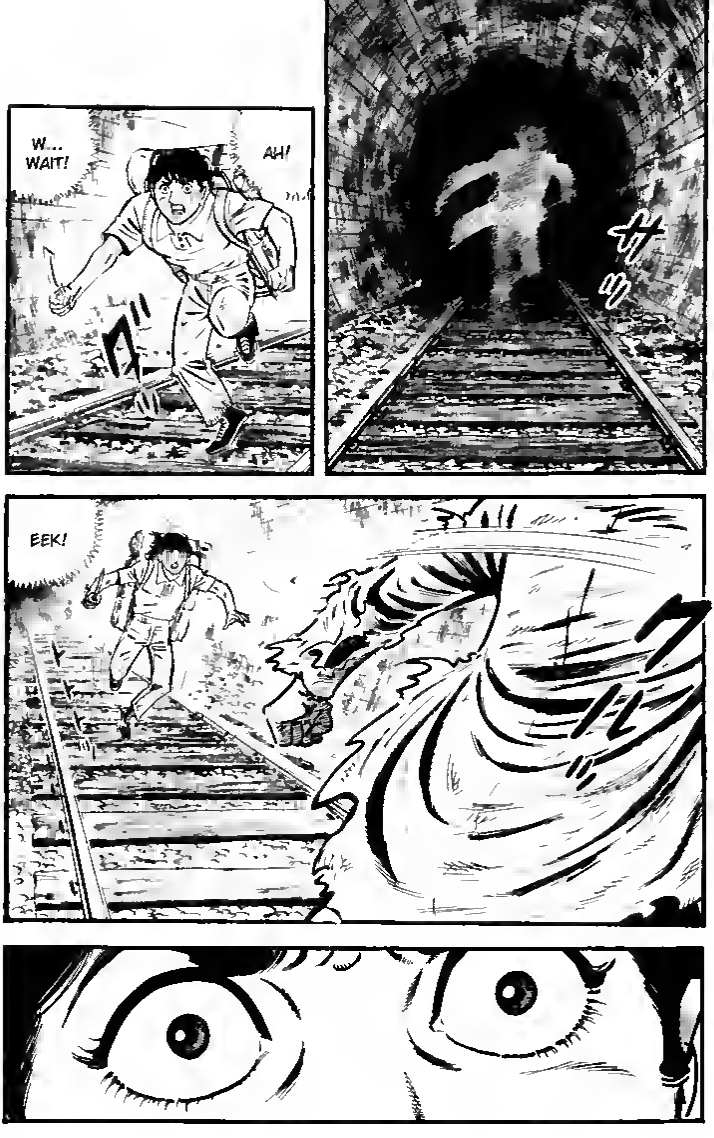
WH... WHAT WAS THAT CRY JUST NOW ?!

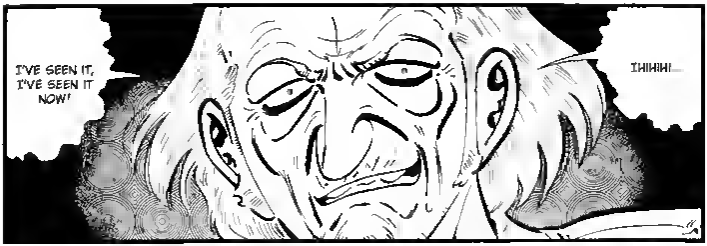
I'LL GO AND CHECK IT OUT!
OKAY!

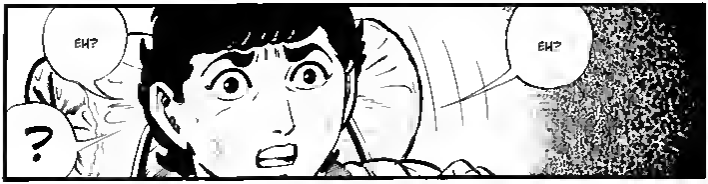

!
オオオオ……オオ
IT... IT'S CLOSE...


ガ
WOAH!


!
O... OUCH!
GAAAAH!
WHO'S THAT OVER THERE?!
WH.. WHO'S THERE?!


W... WAIT!
AH!
ガタン
EEK!


I'VE SEEN IT, I'VE SEEN IT NOW!
IHIHIH!


EH?
?
EH?

HUUUGE!
IT WAS HUGE!

H... HE SEEMS RATHER CONFUSED...!
...

IT WAS HUGE, HUGE, IT JUMPED UP INTO THE SKYYYY!

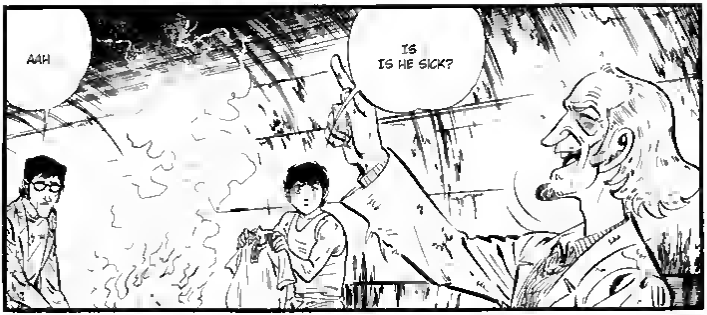
!

PROFESS-
OOOOR!
WHERE DID YOU GOOO, ROFESSOR?!

I'M ON A TRIP, LOOKING FOR MY FAMILY...
I... I WAS JUST PASSING THROUGH...
WHO ARE YOU?

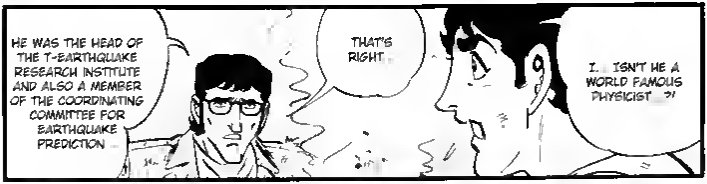
O-OKAY...
COME TO OUR PLACE AND WARM UP BY THE FIRE!
OH, SO YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FAMILY... WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE YOU SHOULD GET THOSE DRENCHED CLOTHES OFF ELSE YOU'LL CATCH A COLD...

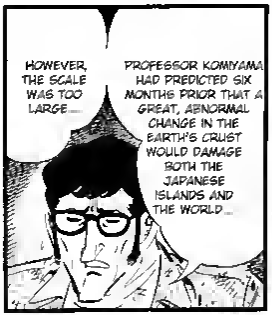
YOU DID A GREAT JOB SURVIVING THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE...
OH, SO YOU CAME FROM TOKYO THEN...
!
KEKEKE


AAH
IS
IS HE SICK?

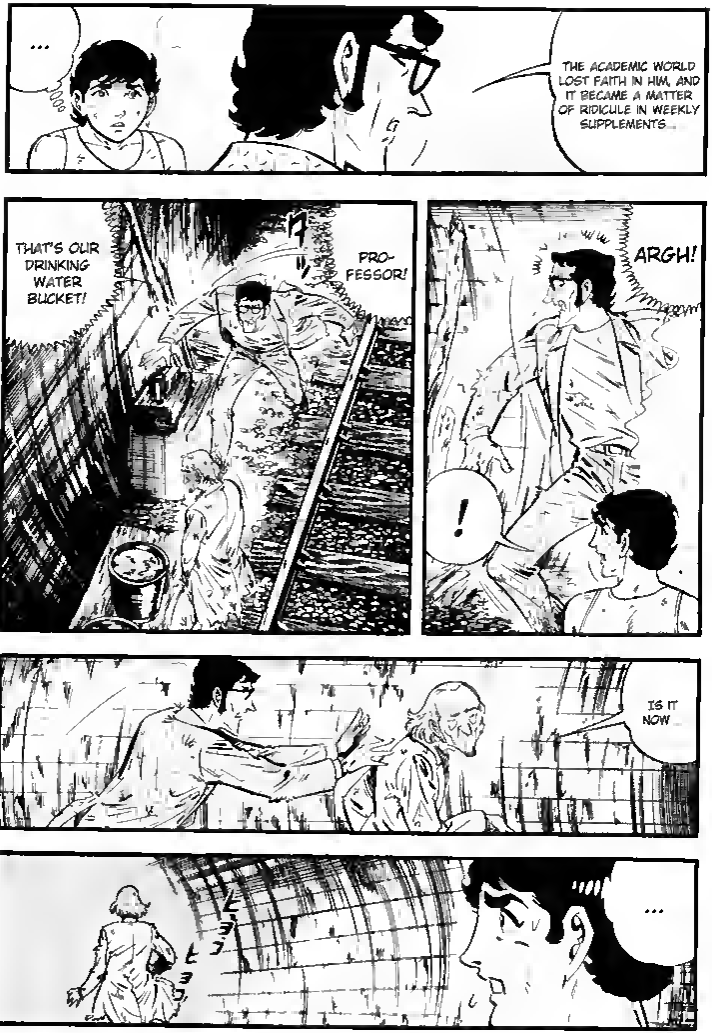
THE PRO-
FESSOR
KOMIYAMA?!
EH?!

DO YOU
KNOW OF
HIM?
THAT'S
PROFESSOR
KOMIYAMA

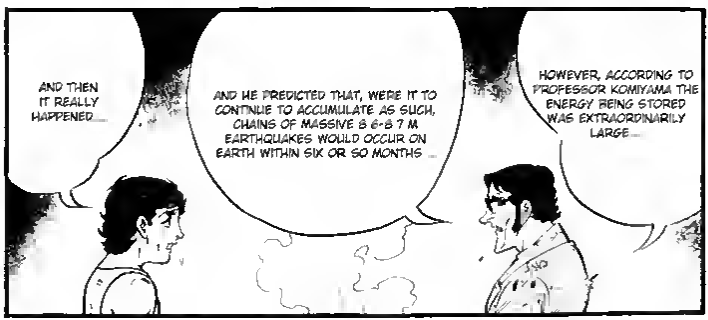

HE WAS THE HEAD OF
THE T-EARTHQUAKE
RESEARCH INSTITUTE
AND ALSO A MEMBER
OF THE COORDINATING
COMMITTEE FOR
EARTHQUAKE
PREDICTION
THAT'S
RIGHT
I... ISN'T HE A
WORLD FAMOUS
PHYSICIST ?!

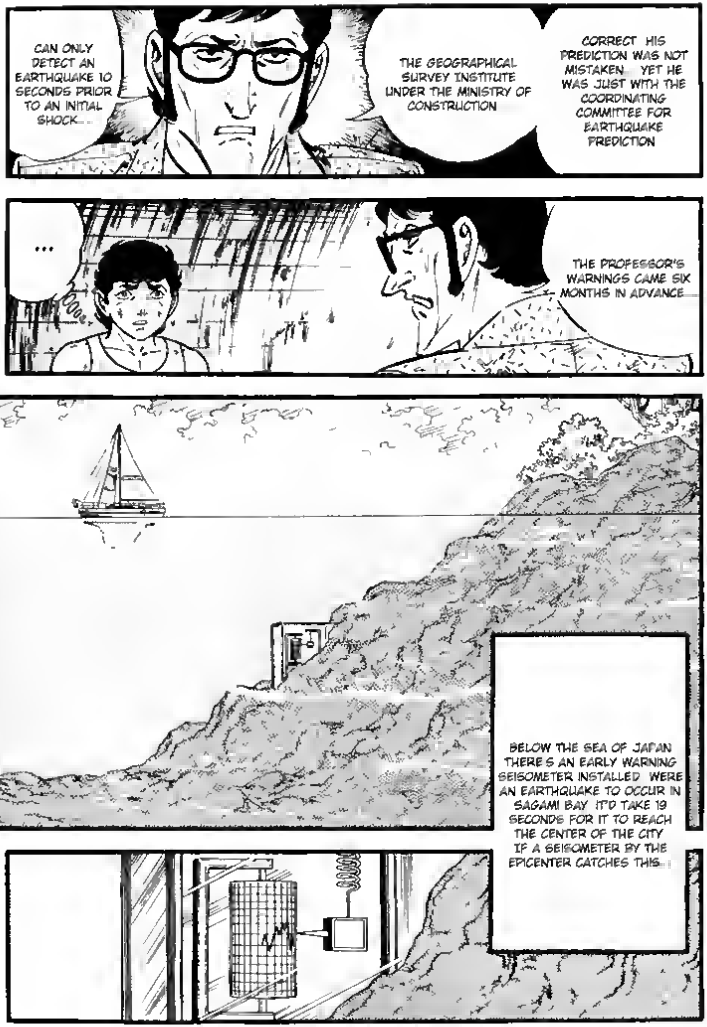

HOWEVER,
THE SCALE
WAS TOO
LARGE...
PROFESSOR KOMIYAMA
HAD PREDICTED SIX
MONTHS PRIOR THAT A
GREAT, ABNORMAL
CHANGE IN THE
EARTH'S CRUST
WOULD DAMAGE
BOTH THE
JAPANESE
ISLANDS AND
THE WORLD...

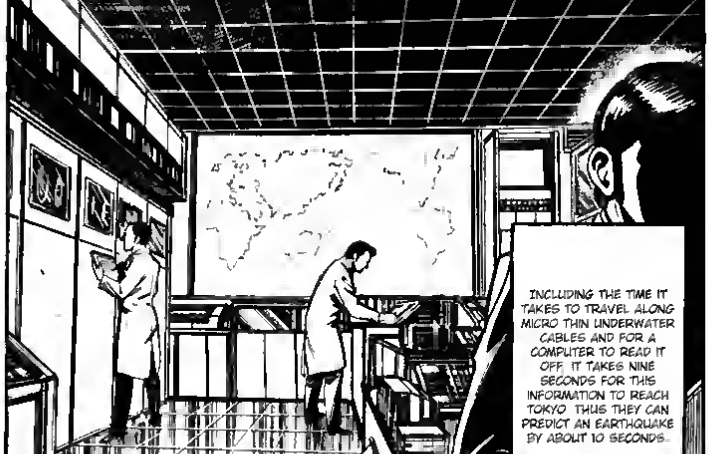
...


...
THE ACADEMIC WORLD LOST FAITH IN HIM, AND IT BECAME A MATTER OF RIDICULE IN WEEKLY SUPPLEMENTS...
THAT'S OUR DRINKING WATER BUCKET!
PRO-FESSOR!
ARGH!
!
IS IT NOW...
...

DO YOU KNOW THAT EARTHQUAKES ARE CAUSED BY MOVEMENT IN THE EARTH'S MANTLE? THIS WILL BE A TAD TECHNICAL SO IT MIGHT BE HARD TO UNDERSTAND BUT...
SEISMOLOGIST'S HAD BELIEVED THAT FOR AROUND A YEAR ENERGY HAD BEEN COLLECTING UNDERNEATH THE JAPANESE ISLANDS...
IT WASN'T THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN LARGER THAN AROUND 2.5X10^23 ERG... WHICH WOULD BE ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF ENERGY INVOLVED IN ALL THE LARGE AND SMALL EARTHQUAKES WHICH OCCUR IN JAPAN OVER THE COURSE OF A YEAR


HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR KOMIYAMA THE ENERGY BEING STORED WAS EXTRAORDINARILY LARGE...
AND HE PREDICTED THAT, WERE IT TO CONTINUE TO ACCUMULATE AS SUCH, CHAINS OF MASSIVE 8.6-8.7 M EARTHQUAKES WOULD OCCUR ON EARTH WITHIN SIX OR SO MONTHS...
AND THEN IT REALLY HAPPENED...


CAN ONLY DETECT AN EARTHQUAKE 10 SECONDS PRIOR TO AN INITIAL SHOCK...
THE GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY INSTITUTE UNDER THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION
CORRECT. HIS PREDICTION WAS NOT MISTAKEN... YET HE WAS JUST WITH THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION
...
THE PROFESSOR'S WARNINGS CAME SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE...
BELOW THE SEA OF JAPAN THERE'S AN EARLY WARNING SEISOMETER INSTALLED. WERE AN EARTHQUAKE TO OCCUR IN SAGAMI BAY, IT'D TAKE 19 SECONDS FOR IT TO REACH THE CENTER OF THE CITY. IF A SEISOMETER BY THE EPICENTER CATCHES THIS...


INCLUDING THE TIME IT TAKES TO TRAVEL ALONG MICRO THIN UNDERWATER CABLES AND FOR A COMPUTER TO READ IT OFF, IT TAKES NINE SECONDS FOR THIS INFORMATION TO REACH TOKYO. THUS THEY CAN PREDICT AN EARTHQUAKE BY ABOUT 10 SECONDS.

YET WITH THAT 10 SECONDS
...
BUT... SURELY THERE'S NOT A LOT YOU CAN DO WITH ONLY 10 SECONDS WARNING.

GAS SUPPLIES, NUCLEAR REACTORS, PETROCHEMISTRY OPERATIONS CAN ALL BE STOPPED, ALL ROAD LIGHTS CAN BE TURNED RED, OUT OF CONTROL CARS HALTED...
EVEN IF JUST BY A LITTLE. IT WAS FIGURED THAT DAMAGE COULD BE MITIGATED... THOUGH IN ACTUALITY LESS THAN HALF OF THAT IS REALLY ACHIEVABLE.
TV AND RADIO CAN BE USED TO TELL FAMILIES TO PUT OUT THEIR FIRES. IN THIS WAY—

...
AT SUCH TIMES THERE ARE FEW PEOPLE WHO CAN ACT IN A CALM WAY...

RATS WILL SUDDENLY VANISH, DEEP SEA FISH WILL UNEXPECTEDLY TURN UP ON THE COAST, RAINBOWS AND UNUSUAL CLOUDS WILL APPEAR...
RATHER THAN "PREDICTION", THE NATURAL WORLD CAN SHOW MANY INDICATIONS...
SO IT'S REALLY HARD TO PREDICT EARTHQUAKES THEN?

DID YOU KNOW THAT CATFISH CAN DETECT CHANGES IN THE TELLURIC CURRENT AND WILL BE AGITATED PRIOR TO AN EARTHQUAKE?
IT'S NOT LIMITED TO FISH THOUGH. BIRDS AND OTHER ANIMALS INSTINCTIVELY PICK UP ON THINGS...
AND ZOOLOGISTS GENERALLY RECOGNISE THAT THEY CAN GIVE RESPONSES TO EARTHQUAKES...

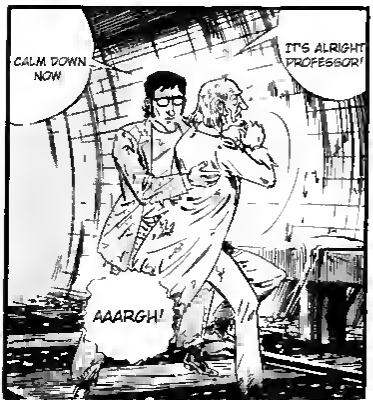
SPEAKING OF WEATHER FORECASTS I'VE A RATHER AMUSING TALE... IT'S A LITTLE OLD, BUT DURING THE 1947 1948 AND 1949 TOKYO CHOU CITY WEATHER STATION FAMILY SPORTS DAYS IT RAINED EACH TIME UFUFUFUFU...
UFF WHAT A BLUNDER!
HOWEVER, NEITHER THE PROFESSOR NOR I COULD TELL "WHEN" IT WOULD OCCUR.
IN A SIMILAR WAY RESEARCH HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT INTO WEATHER FORECASTS SINCE THE MEIJI PERIOD. YET WE STILL CAN'T SAY HOW MANY HOURS AND MINUTES RAIN WILL FALL FOR
HOWEVER, THEY'RE NOTHING LIKE PROPER EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION. I WAS HIS ASSISTANT, SO I HAD NO DOUBT OF THE PROFESSOR'S WARNINGS.
...
IT'S HUGE, AND IT'LL GO FLYING INTO THE SKY!
L... LOOK! IT'S HUGE!

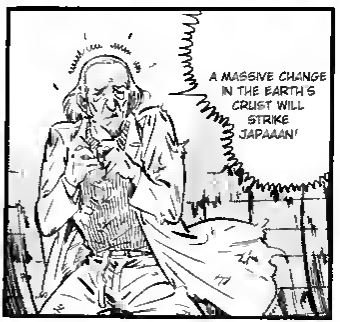
LOOK, LOOOOOK!
HE... HE'S HAVING A FIT AGAIN...
...

HIS WORLD RENOWNED MIND WAS ALREADY GONE... IT'S A TRUE SHAME.
SO WHEN THE PEAK OF THE EARTHQUAKE STRUCK TOKYO...
IT WAS A TERRIBLE SHAME. THE EARTHQUAKE WAS FAR BEYOND THE SCALE OF THE PROFESSOR'S PREDICTION AND THE SHOCK DERANGED HIM.

THE GREAT EARTH-QUAKE!
ARRGH!

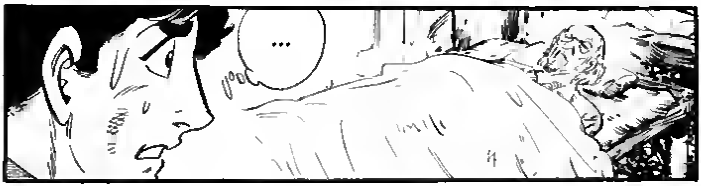
...

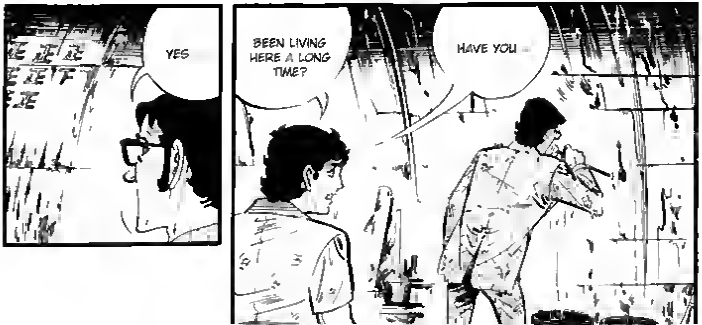

CALM DOWN NOW
IT'S ALRIGHT PROFESSOR!
AAARGH!


A MASSIVE CHANGE IN THE EARTH'S CRUST WILL STRIKE JAPAAAN!

HE'S JUST LIKE A KID AGAIN...
ONCE HIS FITS SUBSIDE

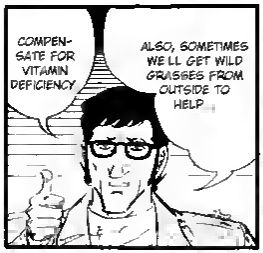
...


...


YES
BEEN LIVING HERE A LONG TIME?
HAVE YOU

NINE MONTHS, HERE?!
260 DAYS IN FACT... SO AROUND NINE MONTHS...
THE ONLY THINGS YOU REALLY NEED TO PUT UP WITH ARE THE LACK OF LIGHT AND THE HUMIDITY. OTHERWISE IT'S A FINE PLACE TO LIVE...
BE IT SUMMER OR WINTER THERE'S NO REAL DIFFERENCE IN TEMPERATURE
IT'S COMPARITIVELY SAFE TO USE A TUNNEL AS A DWELLING. WE CAN GATHER UNDERGROUND WATER TO DRINK, SO AREN'T LACKING FOR THAT...
!
WE GENERALLY GATHER ENOUGH SLUGS AND BATS TO EAT...
HOW DO YOU GET FOOD?
...
ALSO... COME AND LOOK AT THIS...
MAKES FOR A GREAT MEAL !
YOU NEEDN'T BE SURPRISED... SLUGS AND SNAILS ARE BOTH GASTROPODS. WELL, THEY'RE CLOSE RELATIVES OF SHELLFISH. WHAT'S MORE GRILLED BAT...
...

SHIITAKE AND OTHER SORTS OF MUSHROOMS ARE GROWING HERE...

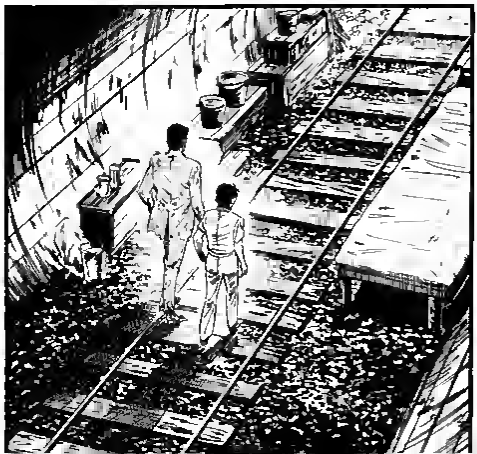

COMPEN-SATE FOR VITAMIN DEFICIENCY
ALSO, SOMETIMES WE'LL GET WILD GRASSES FROM OUTSIDE TO HELP...

THE HEAT AND HUMIDITY HERE ARE PERFECT CONDITIONS FOR MUSHROOM GROWTH...

I'VE EATEN TONS OF DIFFERENT WILD GRASSES TOO!

I ALSO FIGURED I MIGHT BE ABLE TO PASS THROUGH THE TUNNEL TO THE OTHER SIDE...
IT WAS TIPPING IT DOWN OUTSIDE
WITH THAT SAID, JUST WHY DID YOU COME HERE?

IT SEEMS THIS WAS ONCE PART OF THE TOKAIDO MAIN LINE, THOUGH I'VE NO IDEA WHAT THE TUNNEL WOULD'VE BEEN CALLED...
AFTER ALL WITH THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE MUCH OF JAPAN'S GEOGRAPHY HAS CHANGED DUE TO LANDSLIDES WITH MANY PLACES NOW UNDER SEA LEVEL TOO...
...
JUST WHAT IS THIS PLACE THOUGH? AND WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE?
...
WERE YOU TO LOOK AT IT FROM ABOVE, THERE'D BE NO TRACE OF THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL JAPANESE ISLANDS... THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULDN'T HOLD MUCH HOPE FOR THERE BEING ANYTHING DOWN THE TUNNEL...
...



T/N THE PICK READS "SUZUKI"

TH... THIS PICK...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE PICK?
NO, IT'S MY DAD'S! SHIN'ICHIROU SUZUKI'S!
WHERE DID YOU FIND IT?!
EH?!
?!
I... ISN'T THAT JUST PROFESSOR KOMIYAMA'S...?
!
IT'S... IT'S MY DAD'S!
T... TAKE A LOOK AT THE NAME ENGRAVED HERE! IT READS "SUZUKI". I REMEMBERED THE WRITING HERE!

I'M NOT MISTAKEN!
THIS... THIS PICK...
IT'S YOUR FATHER'S?!
!
IS MY DAD'S!
I KNOW IT!
I KNOW!
P... PLEASE, TELL ME! HOW DID PROFESSOR KOMIYAMA GET AHOLD OF THIS?!
WELL...
!

BAH...
YOU FOOLS DON'T BELIEVE ME
...
A GREATH EARTHQUAKE WHICH WILL TOPPLE HEAVEN AND EAAARTH!
A GREAT EARTHQUAKE WILL SOON COME!
...
YOU DIDN'T?!
I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT THOUGH. I DIDN'T SEE HIM GET IT.
IF THE PROFESSOR WAS WELL HE COULD TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY...
WELL... IT WAS ABOUT 20 DAYS AGO...
C... COULD YOU TELL ME AROUT WHEN IT HAPPENED ANYWAY!

I'D BROUGHT THE PROFESSOR WITH ME...
OUTSIDE TO COLLECT GRASSES FOR FOOD...
...

THE WEATHER WAS NICE, AND THE PROFESSOR WAS ENJOYING HIMSELF LIKE A KID ON A PICNIC...
STILL, IT WAS JUST AS I WAS COLLECTING SOME GRASS...

I'D GONE INTO A GRASSY THICKET WHEN I NOTICED THAT I'D LOST SIGHT OF THE PROFESSOR...

PROFESSOOR! WHERE ARE YOUUUU?!
PROFESSOOOR!

PRO-
FESSOOR!
PRO-
FESSOOR!

I SPENT FOUR HOURS LOOKING FOR HIM... I HAD A BAD FEELING...
AND LOOKED DOWN THE MOUNTAIN...

PRO PROFESSOR!
AH?!

YOU HAD ME WORRIED!
PROFESSOR, WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO YOU?!
...

HIS CLOTHES WERE DIRTY, AND HIS LEGS INJURED

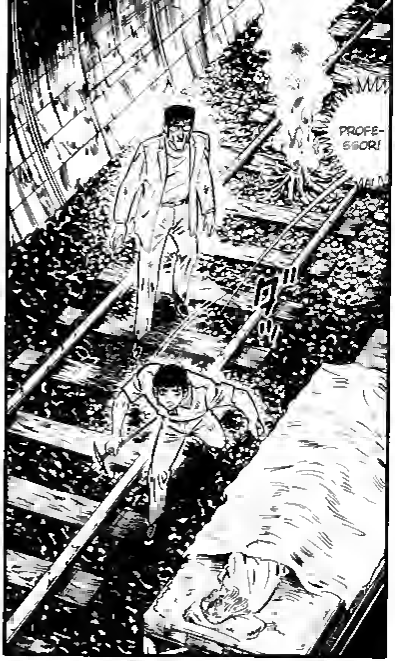
THAT'S WHEN I FOUND HIM, ABSENT MINDEDLY SITTING ON A BOULDER FROM A LANDSLIDE...
PRO-FES◎◎◎R!

...
YET HE WAS CLASPING THAT PICK IN HIS HAND...

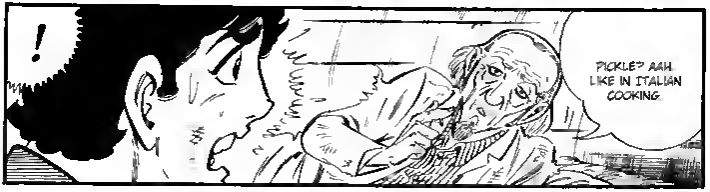
HE'D SPRAINED HIS ANKLE...
I TOOK HIM BACK HERE, AS HE COULDN'T WALK BY HIMSELF...
FROM THE STATE HE WAS IN I FIGURED HE'D LOST HIS FOOTING AND FALLEN DOWN THE MOUNTAIN. AT A GLANCE I ALSO REALISED THAT...
...
...
AND NEITHER WOULD THE PROFESSOR LIKE THAT...
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE PICK. THOUGH I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING MORE ABOUT IT...
...

NO... NO ONE AT ALL...
DID YOU SEE ANYONE BY THERE?!
WHAT IF THE PROFESSOR HAD BEEN SAT NEAR TO WHERE MY FATHER PASSED?
GAVE HIM THE PICK IN PLACE OF A WALKING STICK?!
W... WELL, HOW ABOUT THIS THEN... WHAT IF MY FATHER WAS PASSING THERE, AND COMING ACROSS THE PROFESSOR UNABLE TO WALK...
THAT IS CERTAINLY YOUR FATHER'S, THERE'S NO DOUBT. BUT HE COULD'VE JUST AS EASILY HAVE DROPPED IT OR SOMEONE COULD'VE PICKED IT UP SOMEWHERE...
MM... I DON'T THINK SO...
...
INFACT IT MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN DROPPED...

HM...?
PROFESSOR KOMIYAMA! PLEASE TELL ME! HOW EXACTLY DID YOU GET THIS PICK?!


PROFE-SSOR!

THE PICK!
THE PICK!


!
PICKLE? AAH, LIKE IN ITALIAN COOKING.

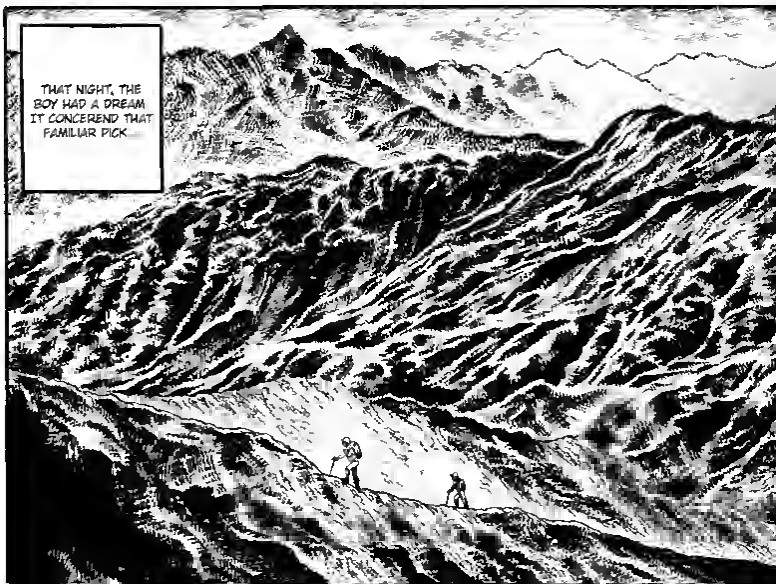
...

PICKLE, PICKLE

IT'S NO USE

ぐ"
ぐ"
ど"
ぐ"
DO YOU HAVE ANY ACTUAL PROOF THAT YOUR FAMILY ARE ALIVE?
STILL
SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS DON'T TEND TO BE DREAMERS MUCH WE CAN'T HELP OURSELVES AND ALWAYS TRY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE'S EVIDENCE FOR SOMETHING, IT CAN BE A BAD HABIT...
I'M SORRY I MISSPOKE
I... I...
DON'T!
MMM, I... IF YOU'D BE SO KIND
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND SOMETHING NEW
THERE'S A CHANCE...
THE RAIN MIGHT NOT STOP TILL TOMORROW. BUT WHEN IT DOES HOW ABOUT WE GO TO THE PLACE THE PROFESSOR WAS SITTING?
I KNOW!

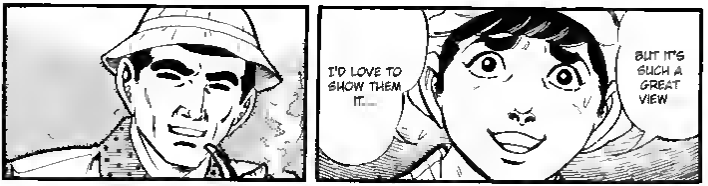
SURE!
PLEASE DO!
PLEASE


THAT NIGHT, THE BOY HAD A DREAM IT CONCEREND THAT FAMILIAR PICK....

HEEEY, SATORU! GET UP HERE COME ON!
THERE'S A FANTASTIC VIIIEW!
WHAT A GREAT VIEW!
WOOAH IT REALLY IS!
IT... IT'S JUST...
WHAT'S UP SATORU? TIRED ALREADY. WHAT A SLOB! HAHAHA...

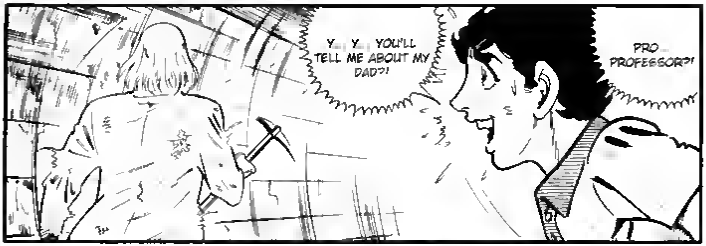
THOSE ARE THE TANZAWA MOUNTAINS... AND ON THE LEFT YOU CAN SEE FUJI

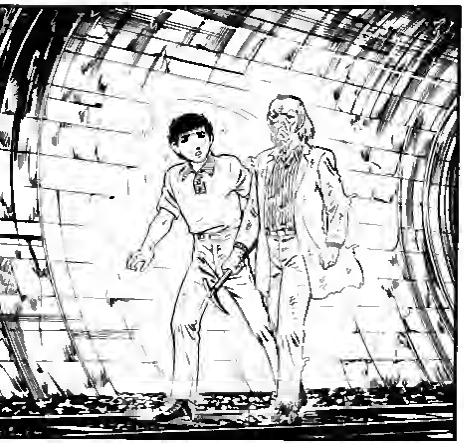
IF WE HAD WE WOULDN'T EVEN BE HALFWAY UP HAHAHAHA
WE SHOULD'VE BROUGHT MUM AND SIS ALONG...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN SO HIGH UP!


I'D LOVE TO SHOW THEM IT...
BUT IT'S SUCH A GREAT VIEW

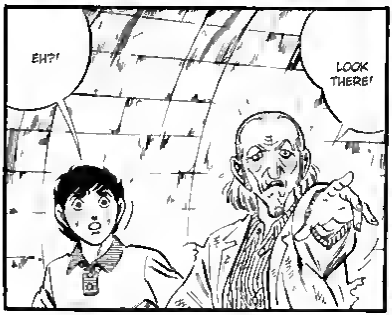
?!
SAY DAD, THAT MOUNTAIN THERE
D... DAD...?!
DAAAAD?!
DAAAAD?!

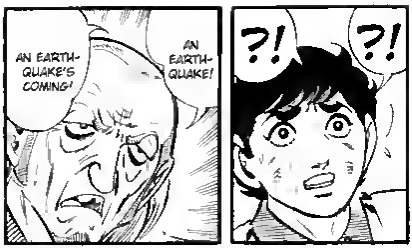
DAAAAAAAD?!
UUH...
!
UH, UH...
?
EH?
WH... WHAT'S WRONG?!
PRO PROFESSOR ?!
I'LL TELL YOU...
I'LL TELL YOU...

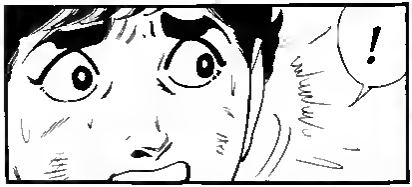

Y... Y... YOU'LL TELL ME ABOUT MY DAD?!
PRO... PROFEESOR?!

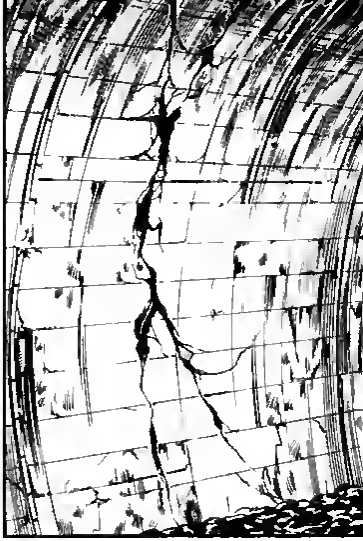


W... WAIT!
WAIT PLEASE!


EH?!
LOOK THERE!


AN EARTH-QUAKE'S COMING!
AN EARTH-QUAKE!
?!
?!


!



PRO PROFESSOR
WE'LL HAVE TO DIG A HOLE... W... WE'LL DIG A HOLE!
W... WE HAVE TO FLEE FROM THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE...
ダ

PROFES-SOOR!
PROFES-SOOR!

...
ガァー
ガァーン

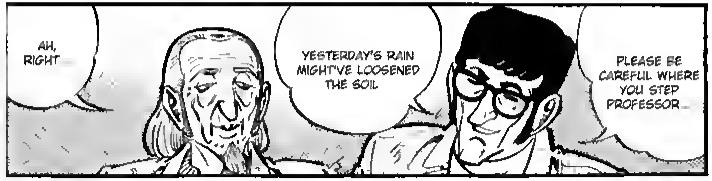
WHAT HAPPENED WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED?!
...
...
PROFESSOR! STOP IT. PLEASE, STOP IT!

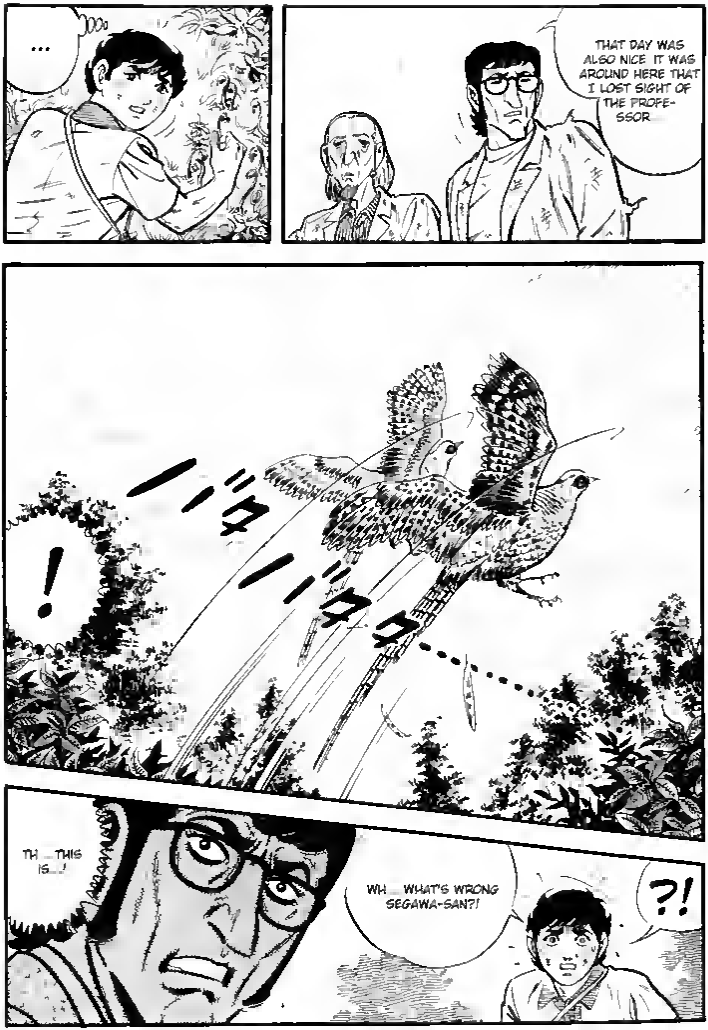
AH, ROYAL FERN!

ASIAN ROYAL FERN CAN OFTEN BE FOUND IN THE MOUNTAINS AND PLAIN OF JAPAN IT CAN BE CONSUMED WHEN DRIED AND IS THE MOST COMMONLY EATEN SUCH FERN. IT HAS HIGH NUTRITIONAL VALUE AND HAS LONG BEEN STORED AS EMERGENCY RATIONS BY MOUNTAIN VILLAGES

MM.
IT SEEMS THE PROFESSOR'S IN A GOOD MOOD TODAY...

...


AH, RIGHT...
YESTERDAY'S RAIN MIGHT'VE LOOSENED THE SOIL
PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU STEP PROFESSOR...


...
THAT DAY WAS ALSO NICE. IT WAS AROUND HERE THAT I LOST SIGHT OF THE PROFE-SSOR...
!
バ
サ
バ
サ
TH... THIS IS...!
WH... WHAT'S WRONG SEGAWA-SAN?!
?!